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Application Number	10/699,160; Pat. No. 7,357,954 B2
Filing Date	10/30/2003; Issued 04/15/2008
First Named Inventor	Kanemoto, Shigeharu
Art Unit	1794
Examiner Name	Mahafkey, Kelly
Attorney Docket Number	NA20-002

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Date	8-27-08	Reg. No.	40,045

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2008

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
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Application Number	10/699,160 (Pat. # 7,357,954)
Filing Date	10/30/2003 (Issued 04/15/2008)
First Named Inventor	Kanemoto, Saigeharu
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Attorney Docket No.	NA20-002

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	0.00
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	0.00
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	0.00
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	0
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	0.00

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=	0.00	50	25

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$260 (\$130 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request to correct/add Assignee

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Name (Print/Type)	D. Brent Kenady	Date	8-27-08

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent No. 7,357,954 B2
Patent Issue Date. April 15, 2008
Application Serial No. 10699160
Filing Date October 30, 2003
Confirmation No. 1621
Inventor Kanemoto, Shigeharu
Assignee Satake Corporation and Riviana Foods, Inc.
Group Art Unit 1794
Examiner Kelly J. Mahafkey
Attorney's Docket No. NA20-002
Title: Process for Preparing Instant Rice and Product Thereof

REQUEST TO CORRECT/INSERT ASSIGNEE ON ISSUED PATENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §3.81(b)

To: Mail Stop: PETITIONS
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601 W. First Avenue, Suite 1300
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Sir/Madam:

Applicant is hereby petitioning to add a missing Assignee to issued Patent No. 7357954, granted April 15, 2008.

The assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR §3.11 before issuance of the patent. A copy of the assignment, the request for assignment and Notice of Recordation are provided herewith.

The failure to include the correct assignee name on the PTOL-85B was inadvertent.

Please find provided herewith a copy of the previously-filed Request for Certificate of Correction (and evidence of \$100.00 fee provided with Request).

Please find provided herewith the processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.117(h) to accompany this request.

Addition of the missing Assignee to issued Patent No. 7357954 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 8-27-08

By: 
D. Brent Kenady
Reg. No. 40045



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Patent No.: 7,357,954 B2
Application No.: 10/699,160
Inventor(s): Shigeharu Kanemoto
Issued: April 15, 2008
Title: PROCESS FOR PREPARING INSTANT RICE AND PRODUCT THEREOF

Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule(s) 1.322 and/or 1.323.

Assignees' names and addresses (assignment data) printed in a patent, are based *solely* on information supplied in the appropriate space for identifying the assignment data, i.e., item 3 of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85B. Granting of a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) is required to correct applicant's error providing incorrect or erroneous assignment data, *before* issuance of a Certificate of Correction, under 37 CFR 1.323 (*see Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (M.P.E.P) Chp. 1400, sect. 1481*). This procedure is required *at any time after the issue fee is paid*, including after issuance of the patent.

In view of the foregoing, your request, in this matter, is hereby denied.

A request to correct the Assignee under 37 CFR 3.81(b) should include:

- A. the processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.117(h) (currently \$130);
- B. a statement that the failure to include the correct assignee name on the PTOL-85B was inadvertent; and

C. a copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, reflecting the reel and frame number where the assignment(s) is recorded and/or reflecting proof of *the date* the assignment was submitted for recordation.

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If a fee (currently \$100) was previously submitted for consideration of a Request for Certificate of Correction, under CFR 1.323, to correct assignment data, no additional fee is required.

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For Mary Diggs, Supervisor
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ASSIGNOR:

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DOC DATE: 12/25/2003

ASSIGNOR:

WAKABAYASHI, KEISHI

DOC DATE: 12/25/2003

ASSIGNOR:

KENDALL, JOHN H.

DOC DATE: 12/18/2003

ASSIGNOR:

MOHINDRA, RANVIR B.

DOC DATE: 12/18/2003

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2777 ALLEN PARKWAY
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SERIAL NUMBER: 10699160

FILING DATE: 10/30/2003

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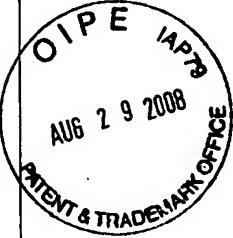
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Application Number:	10699160
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Confirmation Number:	1621
	
Title of Invention:	PROCESS FOR PREPARING INSTANT RICE AND PRODUCT THEREOF
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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Shigeharu Kanemoto
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Attorney Docket Number:	NA20-002
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Application Type:	Utility under 35 USC 111(a)

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Electronic Patent Application Fee Transmittal

Application Number:	10699160								
Filing Date:	30-Oct-2003								
Title of Invention:	<p style="text-align: center;">COPY</p> <p>PROCESS FOR PREPARING INSTANT RICE AND PRODUCT THEREOF</p>								
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Shigeharu Kanemoto								
Filer:	Donald B. Kenady/Muriel Dunnigan								
Attorney Docket Number:	NA20-002								
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Patent No. 7357954
Patent Issue Date April 15, 2008
Application Serial No. 10699160
Filing Date October 30, 2003
Assignee Satake Corporation and Riviana Foods Inc.
Inventorship Kanemoto, Shigeharu
Attorney's Docket No. NA20-002
Title: Process for Preparing Instant Rice and Product Thereof



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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT
FOR APPLICANT'S MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. 1.323)

To: Commissioner for Patents
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ATTN: Decision and Certificate of Correction
Branch of the Patent Issue Division

From: D. Brent Kenady (Tel. 509-624-4276; Fax 509-838-3424)
Wells St. John P.S.
601 W. First Avenue, Suite 1300
Spokane, WA 99201-3828

Sir/Madam:

It is hereby requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued with respect to Patent No. 7357954, granted April 15, 2008, in accordance with the Certificate of Correction form attached hereto.

It is noted that an error appears in this patent of a clerical nature of character, as more fully described below. The error occurred in good faith. Correction thereof does not involve such changes in the patent as would constitute new matter or would require re-examination.

There are two Assignees for this patent; however, only one Assignee is listed on the issued patent. The Assignment was submitted for recordation on March 2, 2004 and is recorded on reel 015047, frame 0367-0371. The patent issued April 15, 2008.

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1050 which is suitable for printing.

Applicant will include the processing fee of \$100.00, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(a).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 5-29-08

By: 
D. Brent Kenady
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PATENT NO. : 7357954

APPLICATION NO.: 10699160

DATED : April 15, 2008

INVENTOR(S) : Kanemoto, Shigeharu; Wakabayashi, Keishi;
Kendall, John H.; and Mohindra, Ranvir B.

It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and
that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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John H. Kendall

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December 25, 2003

Execution Date: December 18, 2003

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10/699,160

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Ranvir B. Mohindra**COPY**

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Riviana Foods Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 2777 Allen ParkwayCity: Houston State: TXZIP: 77019

Name: _____

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

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RIVIANA FOODS INC.

a corporation organized under the laws of U.S.A., at 2777 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019, U.S.A.

BACKGROUND OF THIS ASSIGNMENT:

Inventors have conceived certain new and useful inventions disclosed in a United States patent application titled: PROCESS FOR PREPARING INSTANT RICE AND PRODUCT THEREOF

ASSIGNEES desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in said inventions and with respect to any Letters Patent that may be granted with respect to the inventions in both the United States and in all foreign countries.

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1 THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

2 In consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is
3 hereby acknowledged, INVENTORS have sold, assigned and transferred to ASSIGNEES
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5 countries.

6 INVENTORS do hereby sell, assign and transfer to ASSIGNEES the entire right,
7 title and interest in the above-identified application executed concurrently with this
8 assignment and to any reissues, divisions or continuations thereof, and hereby authorizes
9 the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEES
10 for the sole use of ASSIGNEES, its successors or assigns.

11 INVENTORS further agree to execute, at the request and expense of ASSIGNEES
12 such other formal documents as may be required to fully convey the interest transferred
13 herein and will similarly execute any applications papers required for the filing of any
14 division, continuation or reissue of the patent application or resulting Letters Patent; and
15 will generally do everything necessary or desirable to obtain and enforce proper
16 protection for the inventions assigned hereby.

17 INVENTORS further assign to ASSIGNEES the whole right, title and interest in
18 the inventions disclosed in the application throughout all countries foreign to the United
19 States. ASSIGNEES are hereby authorized to apply for patents relating to the
20 inventions in its own name in countries where such procedure is proper; to claim the
21 benefit of the International Convention; to file and prosecute International Applications
22 relating to the inventions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty; and to file and prosecute
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24 INVENTORS agree to execute applications relating to the inventions in those countries

1 and under those conventions where it is necessary that the same be executed by the
2 inventor, and to execute assignments of such applications and the resulting Letters Patent
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